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- 25X1 1. Between 30 March and 16 April 1954, the ground attack aircraft at Brandis airfield practiced dive attacks from an altitude of 400 to 500 meters down to 50 and 100 meters. These practices were mainly observed on 30 March and 13 April. Firing was repeatedly practiced at sleeve targets towed by Il-10s. Some attacks at sleeve targets were made by aircraft flying in formations of threes. Noteworthy was the take-off by 27 Il-10s shortly before 4 p.m. on 30 March. After the take-off, the aircraft assembled in formation and departed flying outside of the visibility range. The formation returned to the field about 11:20 a.m. on 2 April. Aircraft from another airfield were also observed aloft. One of them, a MiG-15 or U-MiG-15, landed on 16 April.
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2. Between 7 and 23 April, the Il-10s stationed at the field practiced dive attacks from low altitudes and attacks at towed sleeve targets. The dives were generally made from an altitude of 400 to 500 meters down to an altitude of about 50 meters above the ground. The target was the eastern end of the runway. These practices were observed on 9, 13, 21 and 22 April. the ground attack aircraft approaching at an angle of 45 degrees from the rear gave short bursts of fire at sleeve targets towed by Il-10s. After the attack, the aircraft circled around the target without changing their altitude and subsequently made another attack. The ground attack aircraft which were observed up to 23 April were marked by a horizontal white stripe on the rudder assembly.
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- 25X1 There was also intensive air activity by swept-back jet aircraft over Brandis, sometimes at night, as was observed on 12 April. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 17 April, aircraft flying in formations of twos, threes and fours crossed over the field, coming from the southeast. After crossing the field, they headed west and subsequently turned to the east.¹
3. On 23 April, 6 trucks, including 5 towing 76-mm AA guns, moved to the AA gun emplacement in the northeastern section of the landing field. Subsequently, the trucks, each occupied by 10 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, practiced driving at the field.²
4. Between 10 a.m. and noon on 23 April, firing with small arms was practiced at the firing range. About noon, 2 trucks each occupied by 30 men, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, moved to the firing range in the woods to practice firing with light machine guns there.

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- 25X1 1. [] Comment. Brandis airfield is still occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with 35 to 40 Il-10s. The formation of 27 Il-10s which was observed taking off on 30 March was probably stationed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield up to its return to Brandis on 2 April. No single-engine aircraft have been observed at Erfurt-Bindersleben airfield since 2 April 1954. []
- 25X1 [] The Il-10s are marked by a white upper edge on the rudder assembly. A total of 39 aircraft have been observed so far.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The employment of 76-mm AA guns has not been confirmed so far. Previously, only 37-mm AA guns were located at Brandis airfield.

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